# S.F. No. 0053 Veterans preference.

Sponsored By: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs
Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to veterans; specifying the preference in public employment for veterans and surviving spouses of deceased veterans; modifying the residency requirement for the preference; amending archaic language; and providing for an effective date.

12/28/2016 Bill Number Assigned

1/9/2017 S Received for Introduction

1/10/2017 S Introduced and Referred to S08 - Transportation

1/12/2017 S08 - Transportation:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 5-0-0-0-0

### ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Agar, Anderson, Baldwin, Christensen, Meier

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

1/12/2017 S Placed on General File

### SF0053SS001/ADOPTED

Page 3-line 7 Delete "," insert ".".

Page 3-line 9 Strike "and if the" insert "If a". MEIER, CHAIRMAN

1/12/2017 S COW: Passed

### SF0053S2001/ADOPTED

Page 3-line 4 Delete "appointment or initial".

Page 3-line 15 Delete "appointment".

Page 3-line 16 Delete "or initial". VON FLATERN

### SF0053S2002.01/FAILED [DIVIDED AMENDMENT]

### (CORRECTED COPY)

Page 1-line 4 After "preference" insert "for municipal or county

employment". ROTHFUSS

### SF0053S2002.02/FAILED [DIVIDED AMENDMENT]

### (CORRECTED COPY)

Page 2-line 15 Reinsert stricken "A veteran".

Page 2-line 16 After stricken "or widow" reinsert stricken language.

Page 2-lines 17 and 18 Reinsert stricken language.

Page 2-line 19 Reinsert stricken language through "section" and

insert ".". ROTHFUSS

### ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Agar, Anselmi-Dalton, Burns, Case, Christensen, Driskill,

Emerich, Landen, Moniz, Pappas, Perkins, Rothfuss, Scott, Von Flatern

Nays: Senator(s) Anderson, Baldwin, Barnard, Bebout, Boner, Bouchard, Dockstader, Ellis, Hastert, Hicks, Kinskey, Meier, Nethercott, Peterson, Wasserburger

Excused: Senator Coe

Ayes 14 Nays 15 Excused 1 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

### SF0053S2003/ADOPTED

Page 4-line 12 After "establishment" insert "if the couple were

married during the member's time of service
BURNS

1/13/2017 S 2nd Reading:Passed 1/16/2017 S 3rd Reading:Laid Back

### SF0053S3001/WITHDRAWN

### SF0053S3002/WITHDRAWN

### SF0053S3003/ADOPTED

Page	3-line	1	After "Whenever" insert ",".
Page	3-line	9	Delete the Senate Standing Committee Amendment
			(SF0053SS001/A) to this line and further amend as
			follows: strike through "veteran" insert "A veteran
			that".
Page	3-line	10	after "more" insert ", then".
Page	3-line	15	After "Whenever" insert ",". MEIER

### SF0053S3004/FAILED

Page 1-line 3 Delete "eliminating" insert "amending".

Page 2-line 22 After stricken "sought." insert:

"A veteran shall be entitled to the preference established by this section if he:

(i) Resided in Wyoming for at least one (1) year at any time prior to the date the position was opened to be filled;

(iii) Graduated from a Wyoming high school;

(iv) Obtained a high school equivalency certificate or general equivalency diploma in Wyoming;

(v) Is a resident of a state that provides veterans' preference to Wyoming resident veterans applying for similar positions in that state; or

gatisfying any condition specified in paragraphs (i) through (v) of this
subsection or qualified nonveteran Wyoming resident applied.". ROTHFUSS,
PERKINS

1/17/2017 S 3rd Reading: Passed 23-5-2-0-0

### ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Agar, Anderson, Baldwin, Barnard, Boner, Bouchard, Christensen, Coe, Dockstader, Ellis, Emerich, Hastert, Hicks, Kinskey, Landen, Meier, Moniz, Nethercott, Pappas, Perkins, Peterson, Scott, Von Flatern

Nays: Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton, Burns, Case, Driskill, Rothfuss

Excused: Senator(s) Bebout, Wasserburger

Ayes 23 Nays 5 Excused 2 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

1/20/2017 H Received for Introduction

2/3/2017 H Introduced and Referred to HO8 - Transportation

2/10/2017 H08 - Transportation: Recommend Amend and Do Pass 8-1-0-0-0

### ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Blackburn, Blake, Brown, Court, Crank, Edwards, Eklund, Piiparinen

Nays: Representative Loucks

## Ayes 8 Nays 1 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

2/10/2017 H Placed on General File

SF0053HS001/ADOPTED Page 4-line 11 Page 4-line 12	(TO ENGROSSED COPY)  After "establishment" insert "." and delete balance of the line.  Delete all new language.  LOUCKS, ACTING CHAIRMAN
SF0053HW001/ADOPTED	(TO ENGROSSED COPY)
Page 3-line 1	After "Whenever" delete ",".
Page 3-line 9	After "more" delete ",".
Page 3-line 10	Delete "then"; strike "the advantage given"; after
	"be" insert "given a".
Page 3-line 11	After "(10%)" insert "advantage".
Page 3-line 14	After "Whenever" delete ",". EKLUND

2/14/2017 H COW: Passed 30-28-2-0-0

### ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Barlow, Blackburn, Blake, Bovee, Brown, Court, Crank, Dayton, Edwards, Eklund, Eyre, Freeman, Furphy, Gierau, Gray, Haley, Hallinan, Halverson, Harshman, Henderson, Hunt, Laursen, Lindholm, Lone, MacGuire, McKim, Paxton, Pelkey, Salazar, Sweeney

Nays: Representative(s) Allen, Biteman, Burkhart, Byrd, Clausen, Clem, Connolly, Flitner, Greear, Jennings, Kinner, Kirkbride, Larsen, Loucks, Madden, Miller, Nicholas, Obermueller, Olsen, Piiparinen, Pownall, Schwartz, Sommers, Steinmetz, Walters, Wilson, Winters, Zwonitzer

**Excused:** Representative(s) Baker, Northrup

Ayes 30 Nays 28 Excused 2 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

### SF0053H2001/WITHDRAWN

# SF0053H2002.01/ADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY) (CORRECTED COPY)

### [DIVIDED AMENDMENT]

Delete the standing committee amendment (SH0013HS001/AE) entirely and further amend as follows:

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Page 1-Above line 1	In the catch title, delete "hiring".
Page 1-line 1	Delete "hiring".
Page 2-line 6	After "veterans" insert "or surviving spouses".
Page 3-line 1	After "veteran" insert "or surviving spouse".
Page 3-line 5	Delete "in" insert "prior to"; delete "hiring" insert
	"interview"; after "veteran" insert "or surviving
	spouse".
Page 3-line 15	After "veteran" insert "or surviving spouse".
Page 3-line 16	Delete "in" insert "prior to".
Page 3-line 17	Delete "hiring" insert "interview"; after "veteran"
	insert "or surviving spouse"; delete "preference
	over".
Page 3-line 18	Delete entirely.
Page 3-line 19	Delete through "employment" insert "an advantage over
	nonveteran candidates that reasonably approximates
	the advantage given to veterans or surviving spouses
	applying for initial employment with a public

department that uses a numerical scoring system in the interview process pursuant to this subsection".

Page 4-lines 8 through 12 Delete entirely and insert:

establishment honorably discharged from service who has been a resident of the state for a period of one (1) year or more immediately preceding the date the member applies for initial employment;

(iii) "Surviving spouse" means a person who was married to a veteran at the time of the veteran's death and who receives survivor benefits from the federal government based on the veteran's military service." BARLOW

### SF0053H2002.02/FAILED

### (TO ENGROSSED COPY) (CORRECTED COPY) [DIVIDED AMENDMENT]

Delete the standing committee amendment (SH0013HS001/AE) entirely and further amend as follows:

Page 4-lines 8 through 12 Delete entirely and insert:

"(ii) "Veteran" means a member of the <u>United States military</u> establishment honorably discharged from service who:

(B) Claimed Wyoming residency on the member's leave and earnings statements during the last year of the member's service. BARLOW

2/15/2017 H 2nd Reading: Passed 2/16/2017 H 3rd Reading:Laid Back

### SF0053H3001/FAILED

### (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Delete the standing committee amendment (SF0053HS001/AE) entirely.

Delete the BARLOW second reading amendment (SF0053H2002.01/ACE) entirely and further amend as follows:

Delete "eliminating the residency".

Page 1-line 4

Page 1-line 12

Delete "requirement for the preference".

Page 2-line 6

Page 3-line 1

Page 3-line 5

Page 3-line 5

After "veteran" insert "or surviving spouse".

Page 3-line 15

After "veteran" insert "or surviving spouse".

Page 3-line 15

After "veteran" insert "or surviving spouse".

Page 3-line 17

After "veteran" insert "or surviving spouse".

Page 3-line 20

After "veteran" insert "or surviving spouse".

Page 3-line 20

After "veteran" insert "or surviving spouse".

Page 4-lines 8 through 10

Page 4-lines 8 through 12 Delete entirely and insert:

"(ii) "Veteran" means a member of the United States military establishment honorably discharged from service who has been a resident of the state for a period of one (1) year or more immediately preceding the date the member applies for initial employment;

(iii) "Surviving spouse" means a person who was married to a veteran at the time of the veteran's death and who receives survivor benefits from the federal government based on the veteran's military service." HALLINAN

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Page 1-line 3

Delete "eliminating the residency".

Palete "requirement for the preference." Delete "requirement for the preference;". BARLOW

2/21/2017 H 3rd Reading: Passed 50-10-0-0-0

### ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allen, Baker, Barlow, Biteman, Blackburn, Blake, Bovee, Brown, Burkhart, Byrd, Clausen, Court, Crank, Dayton, Edwards, Eklund,

Eyre, Flitner, Freeman, Furphy, Gierau, Gray, Greear, Haley, Hallinan, Halverson, Harshman, Henderson, Hunt, Jennings, Kinner, Kirkbride, Laursen, Lone, MacGuire, McKim, Miller, Northrup, Obermueller, Olsen, Paxton, Pelkey, Piiparinen, Pownall, Salazar, Schwartz, Steinmetz, Sweeney, Walters, Winters Nays: Representative(s) Clem, Connolly, Larsen, Lindholm, Loucks, Madden, Nicholas, Sommers, Wilson, Zwonitzer

Ayes 50 Nays 10Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

2/21/2017 S Received for Concurrence 2/22/2017 S Concur: Failed 0-29-0-1-0

### ROLL CALL

Nays: Senator(s) Agar, Anderson, Anselmi-Dalton, Baldwin, Barnard, Bebout, Boner, Bouchard, Burns, Case, Christensen, Coe, Dockstader, Driskill, Ellis, Emerich, Hastert, Hicks, Kinskey, Landen, Meier, Moniz, Nethercott, Pappas, Perkins, Peterson, Rothfuss, Scott, Von Flatern

**Absent:** Senator Wasserburger

Ayes 0 Nays 29 Excused 0 Absent 1 Conflicts 0

2/23/2017 S Appointed JCC01 Members

Senator(s) Meier, Agar, Rothfuss

H Appointed JCC01 Members 2/24/2017

Representative(s) Eklund, Blake, Clem

S Adopted SF0053JC001: 25-5-0-0-0 2/28/2017

### SF0053JC001/SADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Delete the following House amendments:

SF0053HS001/A

SF0053HW001/A

SF0053H2002.01/A

SF0053H3002/A

Further amend the ENGROSSED COPY as follows:

Delete "hiring". Page 1-line 1

Delete "eliminating" insert "amending". Page 1-line 3

Delete "veterans" insert "resident veterans, veterans Page 2-line 6

or surviving spouses".

Page 3-line 1

After "Whenever" delete ","; After "a" insert "resident"; after "veteran" insert ", veteran or

surviving spouse".

Delete "in" insert "prior to"; delete "hiring" insert Page 3-line 5

""interview"; after "," insert "the resident veteran shall be allowed a ten percent (10%) advantage and"

after "veteran" insert "or surviving spouse".

After "more" delete ",". Page 3-line 9

Page 3-line 10 Delete "then"; strike "the advantage given"; after

"be" insert "given a".

After "(10%)" insert "advantage". Page 3-line 11

After "Whenever" delete ",". Page 3-line 14

Delete "veteran" insert "resident veteran, veteran or Page 3-line 15

surviving spouse".

Delete "in" insert "prior to". Page 3-line 16

Delete "hiring" insert "interview"; delete "veteran" Page 3-line 17

insert "resident veteran, veteran or surviving

spouse"; delete "preference over".

Delete entirely. Page 3-line 18

Page 3-line 19 Delete through "employment" insert "an advantage over nonveteran candidates that reasonably approximates the advantage given to resident veterans, veterans or surviving spouses applying for initial employment with a public department that uses a numerical scoring system in the interview process pursuant to this subsection".

Page 4-lines 8 through 12 Delete entirely and insert:

"(ii) "Resident veteran" means a member of the United States military establishment honorably discharged from service who has been a resident of the state for a period of one (1) year or more prior to the date the member applies for initial employment;

(iii) "Surviving spouse" means a person who was married to a now deceased resident veteran or now deceased veteran at the time of the deceased resident veteran's or deceased veteran's military service or is receiving survivor spousal benefits from the federal government based on the deceased resident veteran's or deceased veteran's military service;

(iv) "Veteran" means a member of the United States military establishment honorably discharged from service who has not been a resident of the state for a period of one (1) year or more prior to the date the member applies for initial employment.". MEIER, AGAR, EKLUND, BLAKE

### ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Agar, Anderson, Anselmi-Dalton, Baldwin, Barnard, Bebout, Boner, Bouchard, Christensen, Coe, Dockstader, Driskill, Emerich, Hastert, Hicks, Kinskey, Landen, Meier, Moniz, Nethercott, Pappas, Perkins, Peterson, Scott, Wasserburger

Nays: Senator(s) Burns, Case, Ellis, Rothfuss, Von Flatern Nays 5 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0 Ayes 25

2/28/2017 H Did Not Adopt SF0053JC001: 14-46-0-0-0

### SF0053JC001/SADOPTEDHFAILED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Delete the following House amendments:

SF0053HS001/A

SF0053HW001/A

SF0053H2002.01/A

SF0053H3002/A

Further amend the ENGROSSED COPY as follows:

Delete "hiring". Page 1-line 1

Page 1-line 3 Delete "eliminating" insert "amending".

Delete "veterans" insert "resident veterans, veterans Page 2-line 6

or surviving spouses".

After "Whenever" delete ","; After "a" insert "resident"; after "veteran" insert ", veteran or Page 3-line 1

surviving spouse".

Delete "in" insert "prior to"; delete "hiring" insert Page 3-line 5 "interview"; after "," insert " $\underline{\text{the resident veteran}}$ shall be allowed a ten percent (10%) advantage and"

after "veteran" insert "or surviving spouse".

After "more" delete ",". Page 3-line 9

Delete "then"; strike "the advantage given"; after Page 3-line 10

"be" insert "given a".

After "(10%)" insert "advantage". Page 3-line 11

Page 3-line 14 After "Whenever" delete ",".

Delete "veteran" insert "resident veteran, veteran or Page 3-line 15 surviving spouse".

Page 3-line 16 Delete "in" insert "prior to". Page 3-line 17 Delete "hiring" insert "interview"; delete "veteran" insert <u>resident</u> veteran, veteran or surviving spouse"; delete "preference over". Delete entirely. Page 3-line 18 Delete through "employment" insert "an advantage over Page 3-line 19 nonveteran candidates that reasonably approximates the advantage given to resident veterans, veterans or surviving spouses applying for initial employment with a public department that uses a numerical scoring system in the interview process pursuant to this subsection".

Page 4-lines 8 through 12 Delete entirely and insert:

"(ii) "Resident veteran" means a member of the United States military establishment honorably discharged from service who has been a resident of the state for a period of one (1) year or more prior to the date the member applies for initial employment;

(iii) "Surviving spouse" means a person who was married to a now deceased resident veteran or now deceased veteran at the time of the deceased resident veteran's or deceased veteran's military service or is receiving survivor spousal benefits from the federal government based on the deceased resident veteran's or deceased veteran's military service;

(iv) "Veteran" means a member of the United States military establishment honorably discharged from service who has not been a resident of the state for a period of one (1) year or more prior to the date the member applies for initial employment.". MEIER, AGAR, EKLUND, BLAKE

### ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allen, Blake, Bovee, Burkhart, Byrd, Court, Crank, Edwards, Eklund, Freeman, Grav, Nicholas, Salazar, Zwonitzer

Edwards, Eklund, Freeman, Gray, Nicholas, Salazar, Zwonitzer

Nays: Representative(s) Baker, Barlow, Biteman, Blackburn, Brown, Clausen, Clem, Connolly, Dayton, Eyre, Flitner, Furphy, Gierau, Greear, Haley, Hallinan, Halverson, Harshman, Henderson, Hunt, Jennings, Kinner, Kirkbride, Larsen, Laursen, Lindholm, Lone, Loucks, MacGuire, Madden, McKim, Miller, Northrup, Obermueller, Olsen, Paxton, Pelkey, Piiparinen, Pownall, Schwartz, Sommers, Steinmetz, Sweeney, Walters, Wilson, Winters

Ayes 14 Nays 46 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

2/28/2017 Pursuant to JR 2-1(c): H Appointed JCC02 Members Representative(s) Eklund, Barlow, Lindholm
3/1/2017 Pursuant to JR 2-1(c): S Appointed JCC02 Members Senator(s) Meier, Agar, Rothfuss
3/2/2017 S Adopted SF0053JC002: 21-9-0-0-0

### SF0053JC002/SADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Delete the following House amendments:

SF0053HS001/AE SF0053HW001/AE SF0053H2002.01/ACE SF0053H3002/AE

Further amend the ENGROSSED COPY as follows:

Page 1-Above line 1 In the catch title, delete "hiring".
Page 1-line 1 Delete "hiring".
Page 1-line 3 Delete "eliminating" insert "modifying".
Page 1-line 13 Delete "or public works".
Page 2-line 1 Strike "and upon all public".
Page 2-line 2 Strike "works in Wyoming".

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Page 2-line 6
Page 3-line 1
Page 3-line 3
                      After "veterans" insert "or surviving spouses".
                        After "Whenever" delete "...".
                         After stricken "Wyoming" insert "or surviving
                         spouse".
                         Delete "in" insert "prior to"; delete "hiring" insert
Page 3-line 5
                         "interview"; after "veteran" insert "or surviving
                         spouse".
                         After "more" delete ",".
Page 3-line 9
                        Delete "then"; strike "the advantage given"; after
Page 3-line 10
                         "be" insert "given a".
Page 3-line 11
                        After "(10%)" insert "advantage".
                      After "Whenever" delete ",".

After "veteran" insert "or surviving spouse".

Delete "in" insert "prior to".
Page 3-line 14
Page 3-line 15
Page 3-line 16
Page 3-line 17
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                         insert "or surviving spouse"; delete "preference
                         over".
Page 3-line 18
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                        Delete through "employment" insert "an advantage over
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                         nonveteran candidates that reasonably approximates
                         the advantage given to veterans or surviving spouses
                         applying for initial employment with a public department that uses a numerical scoring system in
                         the interview process pursuant to this subsection".
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Page 4-lines 8 through 12 Delete entirely and insert:

"(ii) "Veteran" means a member of the United States military establishment honorably discharged from service who has been a resident of the state of Wyoming for one (1) year or more at any time prior to the date when the veteran applies for employment;

(iii) "Surviving spouse" means a person who was married to a veteran at the time of the veteran's death and who receives survivor benefits from the federal government based on the veteran's military service.". AGAR, ROTHFUSS, EKLUND, BARLOW, LINDHOLM

### ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Agar, Baldwin, Barnard, Boner, Bouchard, Christensen, Coe, Dockstader, Driskill, Emerich, Hastert, Hicks, Kinskey, Moniz, Nethercott, Pappas, Peterson, Rothfuss, Scott, Von Flatern, Wasserburger

Nays: Senator(s) Anderson, Anselmi-Dalton, Bebout, Burns, Case, Ellis, Landen, Meier, Perkins

Ayes 21 Nays 9 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

3/2/2017 H Adopted SF0053JC002: 53-5-2-0-0

### SF0053JC002/SADOPTEDHADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Page 2-line 6	After "veterans" insert "or surviving spouses".
Page 3-line 1	After "Whenever" delete ",".
Page 3-line 3	After stricken "Wyoming" insert "or surviving
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- 0.1. F	spouse".
Page 3-line 5	Delete "in" insert "prior to"; delete "hiring" insert
	"interview"; after "veteran" insert "or surviving
	spouse".
Page 3-line 9	After "more" delete " <u>'</u> ".
Page 3-line 10	Delete "then"; strike "the advantage given"; after
	"be" insert "given a".
Page 3-line 11	After "(10%)" insert "advantage".
Page 3-line 14	After "Whenever" delete ",".
Page 3-line 15	After "veteran" insert "or surviving spouse".
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Page 3-line 17	Delete "hiring" insert "interview"; after "veteran"
- 3	insert "or surviving spouse"; delete "preference
	over".
Page 3-line 18	Delete entirely.
Page 3-line 19	Delete through "employment" insert "an advantage over
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	the advantage given to veterans or surviving spouses
	applying for initial employment with a public
	department that uses a numerical scoring system in
	the interview process pursuant to this subsection".

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(iii) "Surviving spouse" means a person who was married to a veteran at the time of the veteran's death and who receives survivor benefits from the federal government based on the veteran's military service.". AGAR, ROTHFUSS, EKLUND, BARLOW, LINDHOLM

### ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allen, Baker, Barlow, Biteman, Blackburn, Blake, Bovee, Brown, Burkhart, Byrd, Clausen, Clem, Connolly, Court, Crank, Dayton, Edwards, Eklund, Eyre, Flitner, Freeman, Furphy, Gierau, Gray, Greear, Haley, Halverson, Henderson, Hunt, Jennings, Kinner, Kirkbride, Larsen, Laursen, Lindholm, Lone, MacGuire, McKim, Miller, Northrup, Obermueller, Paxton, Pelkey, Piiparinen, Pownall, Salazar, Schwartz, Sommers, Steinmetz, Sweeney, Wilson, Winters, Zwonitzer

Nays: Representative(s) Hallinan, Loucks, Madden, Nicholas, Olsen

**Excused:** Representative(s) Harshman, Walters

Ayes 53 Nays 5 Excused 2 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

3/3/2017 Assigned Number SEA No. 0084
3/3/2017 S President Signed SEA No. 0084
3/3/2017 H Speaker Signed SEA No. 0084
3/10/2017 Governor Signed SEA No. 0084
3/10/2017 Assigned Chapter Number

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